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FOR RON NESSEN, TOM DECAIR, WHITE HOUSE, FROM
BOB MEAD, TOKYO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD R)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP

1. INDICATIONS ARE THAT JAPANESE ARE NOT PRESSING FOR Q&A AT PRESS CLUB EVENT. ACCORDING TO MR. OKI, CHIEF OF INFORMATION SECTION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, THEY ARE HAPPY JUST TO HAVE PRESIDENT SPEAK. THEY ALSO ADMIT MOST QUESTIONS WILL CONCERN NUCLEAR POWER AND ARMS LIMITATION, ETC., EYE BELIEVE EYE HAVE CONVINCED THEM TO INTRODUCE PRESIDENT FORD AT 10:01 P.M. EST. FOR SPEECH TO BOTH COUNTRIES AND HAVE IMPLIED PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE MAY NOT ACCOMMODATE QUESTIONS, BUT DID NOT RULE IT OUT UNTIL HEAR FROM YOU. THEIR FORMAT IS SAME AS NATIONAL PRESS CLUB, WITH QUESTIONS ON CARDS. TRAVELING PRESS CORPS WOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM QUESTIONING.

2. BECAUSE OF AMERICAN TELEVISION FORMATS, AND POSSIBLE POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS, EYE RECOMMEND QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION BE DROPPED AFTER SPEECH, UNLESS PRESIDENT FEELS IT MAY BE BENEFICIAL TO OUR POLICY STAND. REPEAT, THERE SEEMS TO BE NO HEAVY PRESSURE FOR OTHER THAN SPEECH..

3. EYE WOULD ONLY MAKE "AVAILABLE" SPEECH TO AMERICAN
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NETWORKS AT THAT PRIME TIME, BUT EMPHASIZE TO THEM THAT

THIS IS AMERICAN PRESIDENT'S FIRST VISIT AND SPEECH IN JAPAN, ETC., AND, AS SUCH, WOULD BE OF APPROPRIATE INTEREST.

4. CPAO MILLER IS SOUNDING OUT PRESS CLUB OFFICIALS FOR REACTIONS TO SPEECH ONLY FORMAT AND EXPECTS ANSWER WITHIN COUPLE OF HOURS. WILL ADVISE SOONEST.

5. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, EYE HAVE LEARNED NBC WILL BROADCAST ARRIVAL CEREMONIES "LIVE" TO AMERICA, AT 7:30 P.M. EST. FOR ONE-HALF HOUR. PLEASE ADVISE APPROPRIATE OTHERS AND PRESIDENT THAT US.A. WILL BE WATCHING AT THAT TIME AND ADVISE ME OR ROSENBERGER ON YOUR THOUGHTS ON NEWS CONFERENCE FOR OUR NEGOTIATIONS.
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